

The Taholah Village Relocation



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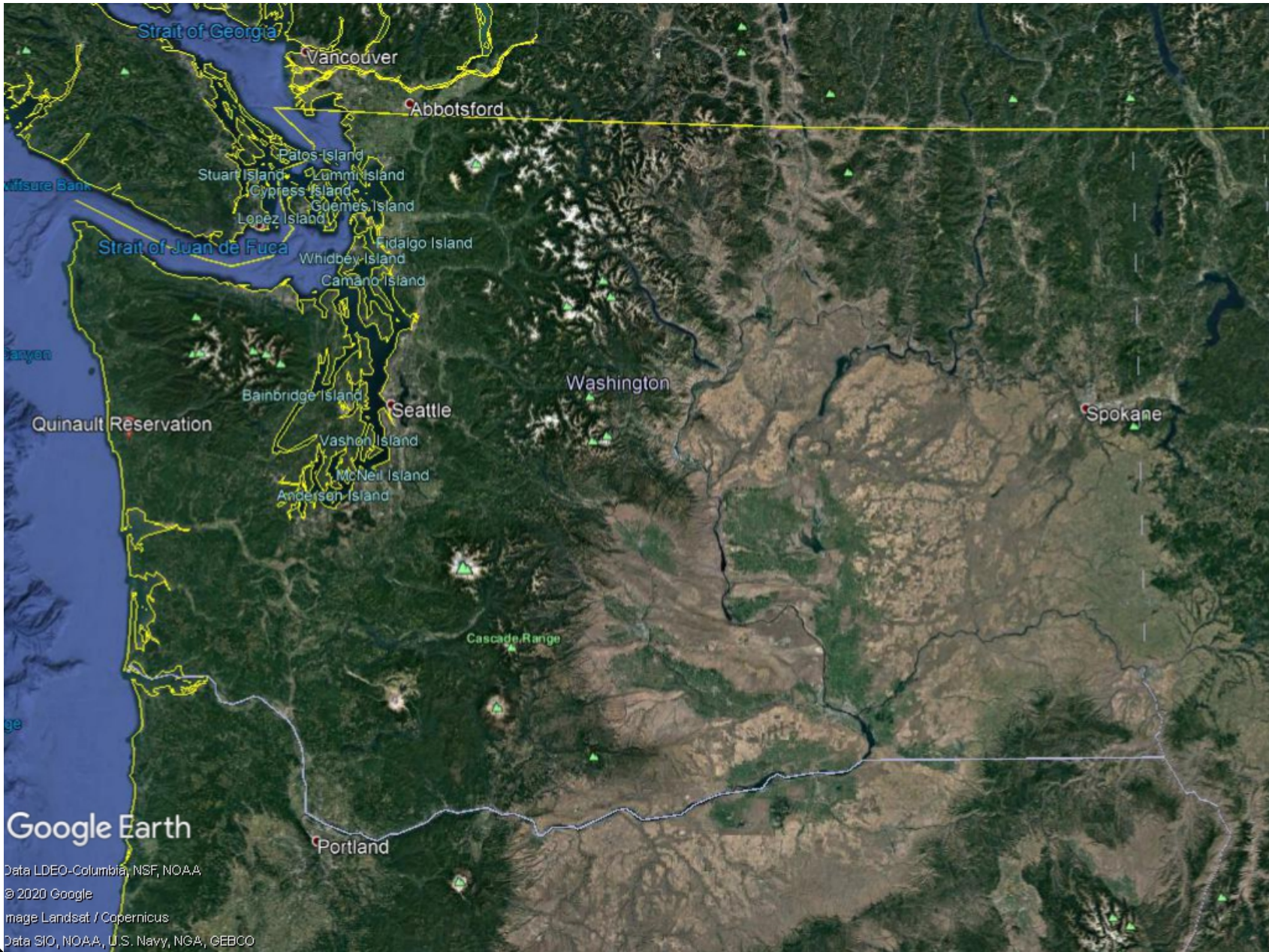
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Overview

- Background on Entire Relocation Project
- Effects of Climate Change
- Overall Energy Strategy
- Microgrid
- Next Steps



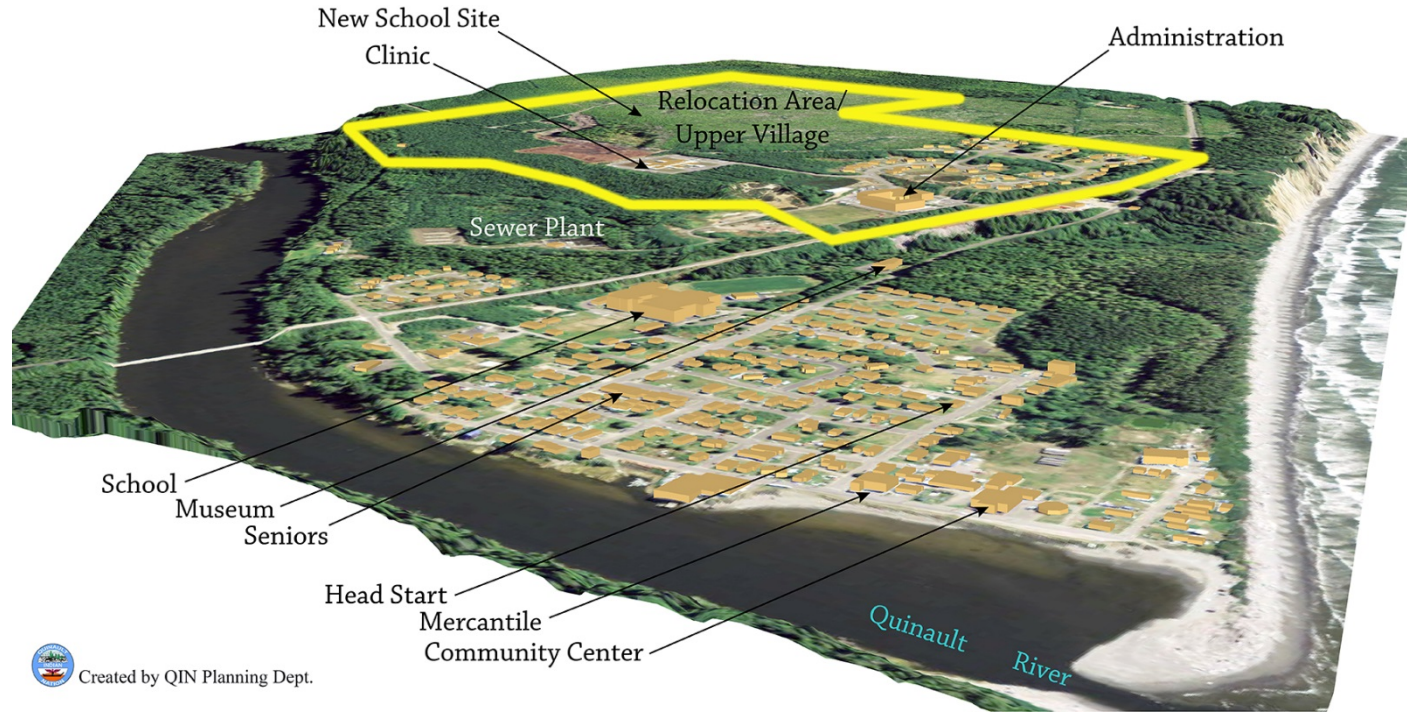


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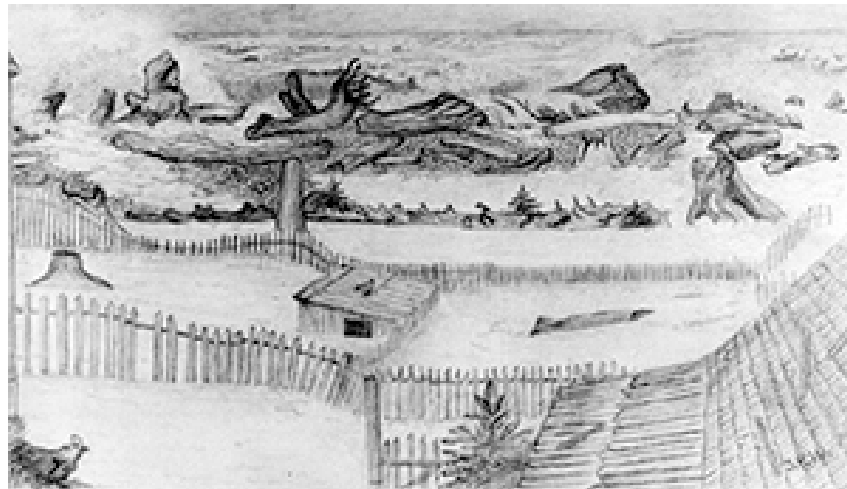


Taholah Village



Hazards

- Dual threats
 - Sea Level Rise
 - Tsunami from 9.0 earthquake
 - Cascadia Subduction Zone similar to tectonics that caused Indonesian tsunami in 2004
 - 5 to 20 minutes escape time (if good conditions)



Late 1800's
Sketch of Coastal
Flooding in Taholah



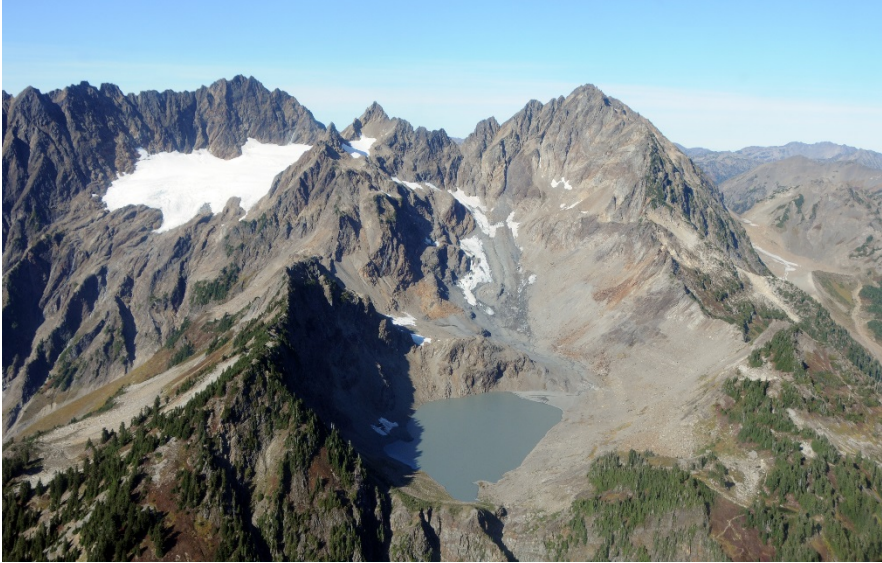
Climate Change and Quinault

Resources at risk

- Clams – ocean acidification
- Salmon – warm waters, low river flow
- Trees – fire, pests
- **The Quinault People**



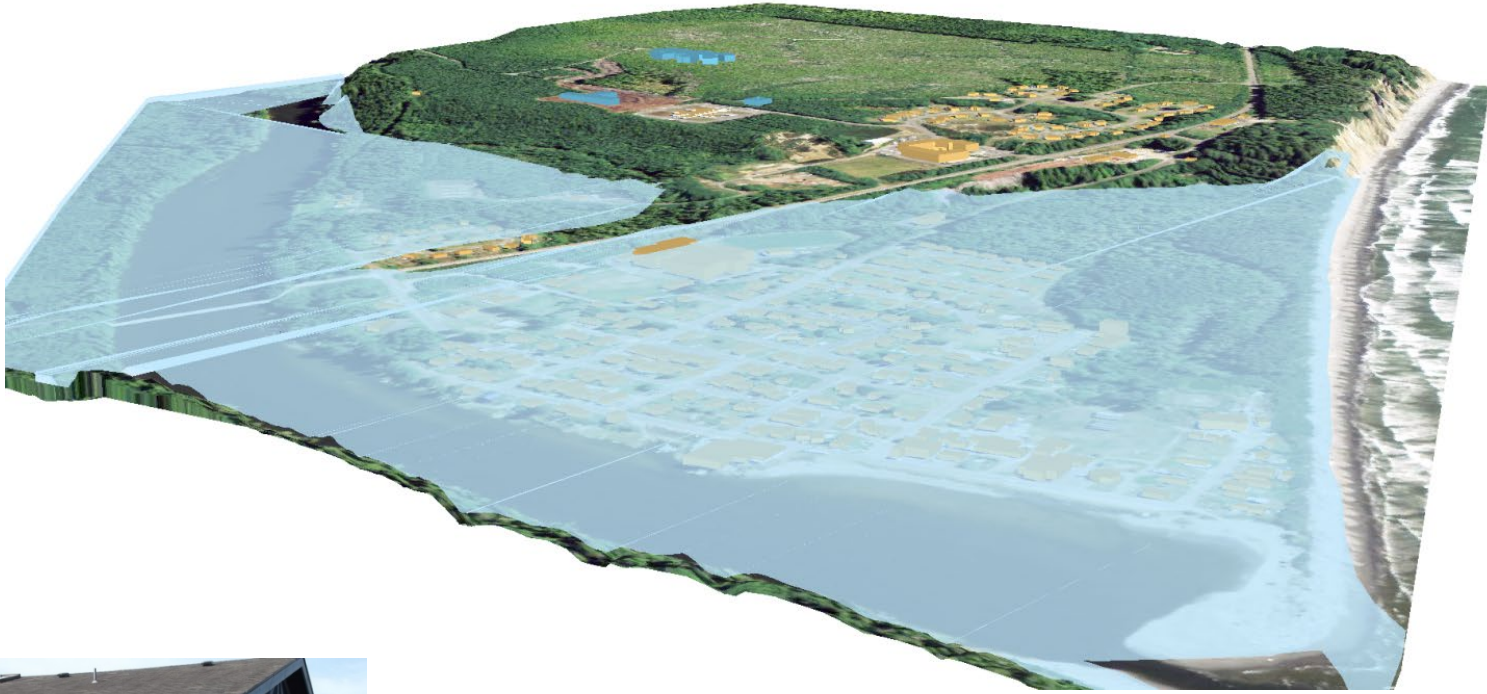
Climate Change and Quinault



Anderson Glacier, Headwaters of the Quinault River, Olympic National Park



Tsunami Inundation



Senior Program



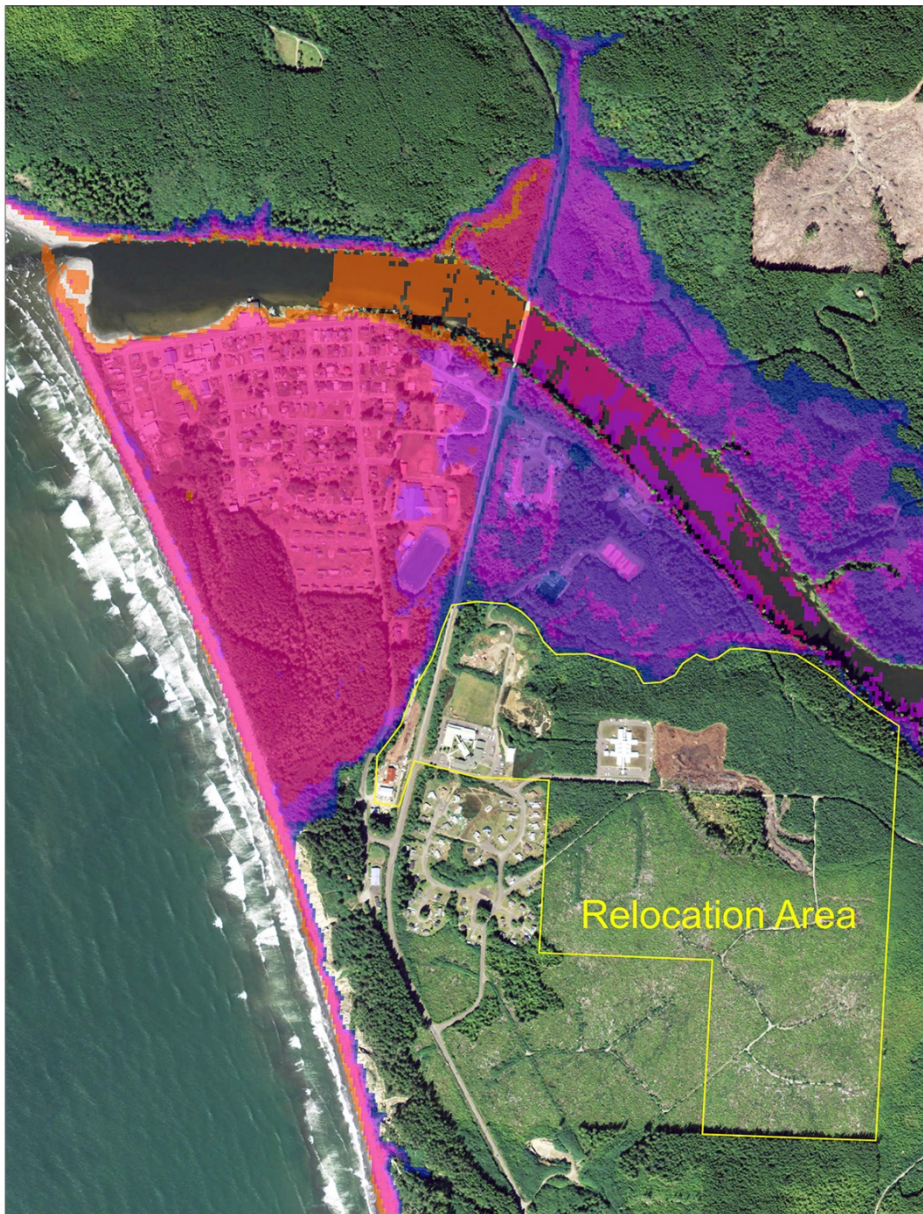
Head Start



Taholah School



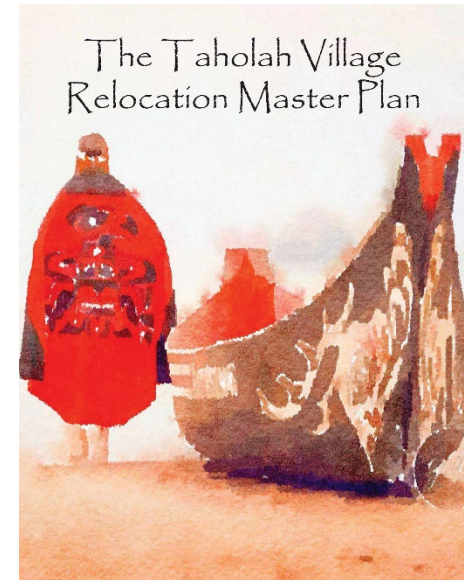
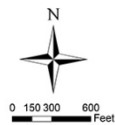
Inundation Depth



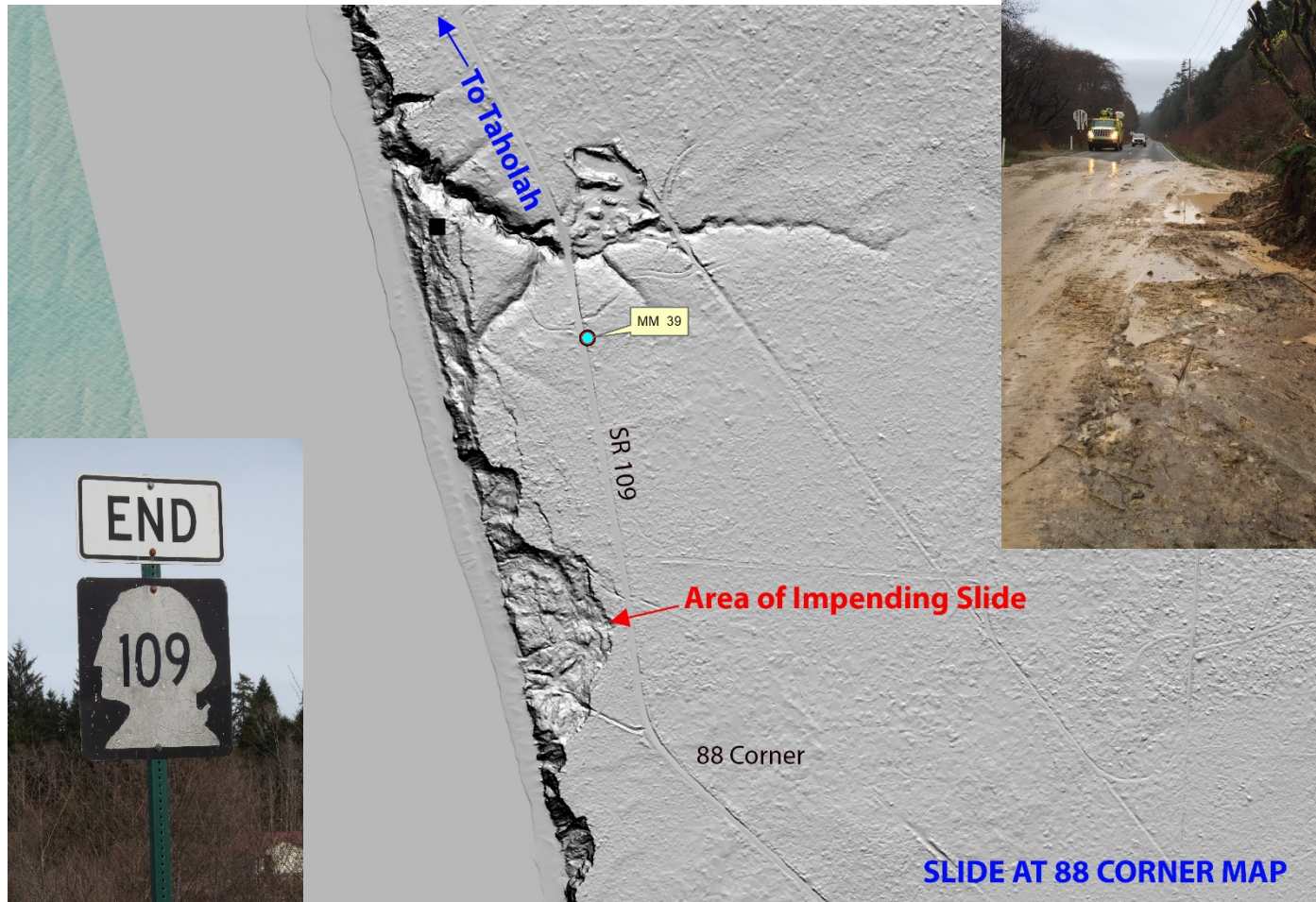
Inundation Depths in Taholah from 2015 WadNR Model

Legend

Inundation Depth (meters)	Inundation Depth (feet)
0.1 - 3 (<10 feet)	0.1 - 3 (<10 feet)
3.1 - 6 (10 to 20 ft)	10 - 20 (31 - 61 ft)
6.1 - 9 (20 to 30 ft)	20 - 30 (66 - 98 ft)
9.1 - 12 (30 to 40 ft)	30 - 40 (98 - 131 ft)
12.1 - 15 (40 to 49 ft)	40 - 49 (131 - 161 ft)
15.1 - 18 (49 to 59 ft)	49 - 59 (161 - 192 ft)
18.1 - 21 (59 to 69 ft)	59 - 69 (192 - 226 ft)
21.1 - 23.1 (69 to 76 ft)	69 - 76 (226 - 249 ft)



Landslide Threats





Community Input

April 23, 2014
Taholah Village Relocation Master Plan

Questions for the Community

1. When you think about the lower village of Taholah, what descriptive words come to mind?
2. What do you like about your community? What makes it special?
3. What is your vision for the new, upper village?
4. What characteristics would you bring from the lower village to the new upper village?
5. What type of housing would you like to have in the upper village?
Single Family ___ Apartments ___ Duplex ___ Other ___
6. What don't you have in the lower village that you want in the new, upper village?
7. What is most important for your children in the new village? Select 3.
 - Playgrounds
 - Open/wild spaces
 - Trails to school/stores/neighbors
 - Safe streets
 - Other



Prior community prioritization
Newspaper articles

Community Surveys:

Handed out at meetings,
On-line, Web Site and Door-
to-Door



The Community

- We make the community special; the people, the **Elders**, the **family**.
- We all **know** and **trust** one another. We all come together in times of need.
- We are moving forward in **helping our people**, instead of just judging them.
- My community is also special because we look out for each other's **kids** and **keep them safe**.
- Parks and homes reflecting **cultural awareness** and pride; cedar, salmon, berries, in paintings, poles, canoes and signage.
- **Everybody matters or nobody matters**



Development Needs

Housing

- 175 Homes and 650 people
- 129 Families on Housing Authority Waiting List

Community Buildings

- Administrative Offices, QNEB, QHA, Emergency Services, Courts, Post Office, Child & Health, Social Services = 175,000 SF
- 80,000 SF School



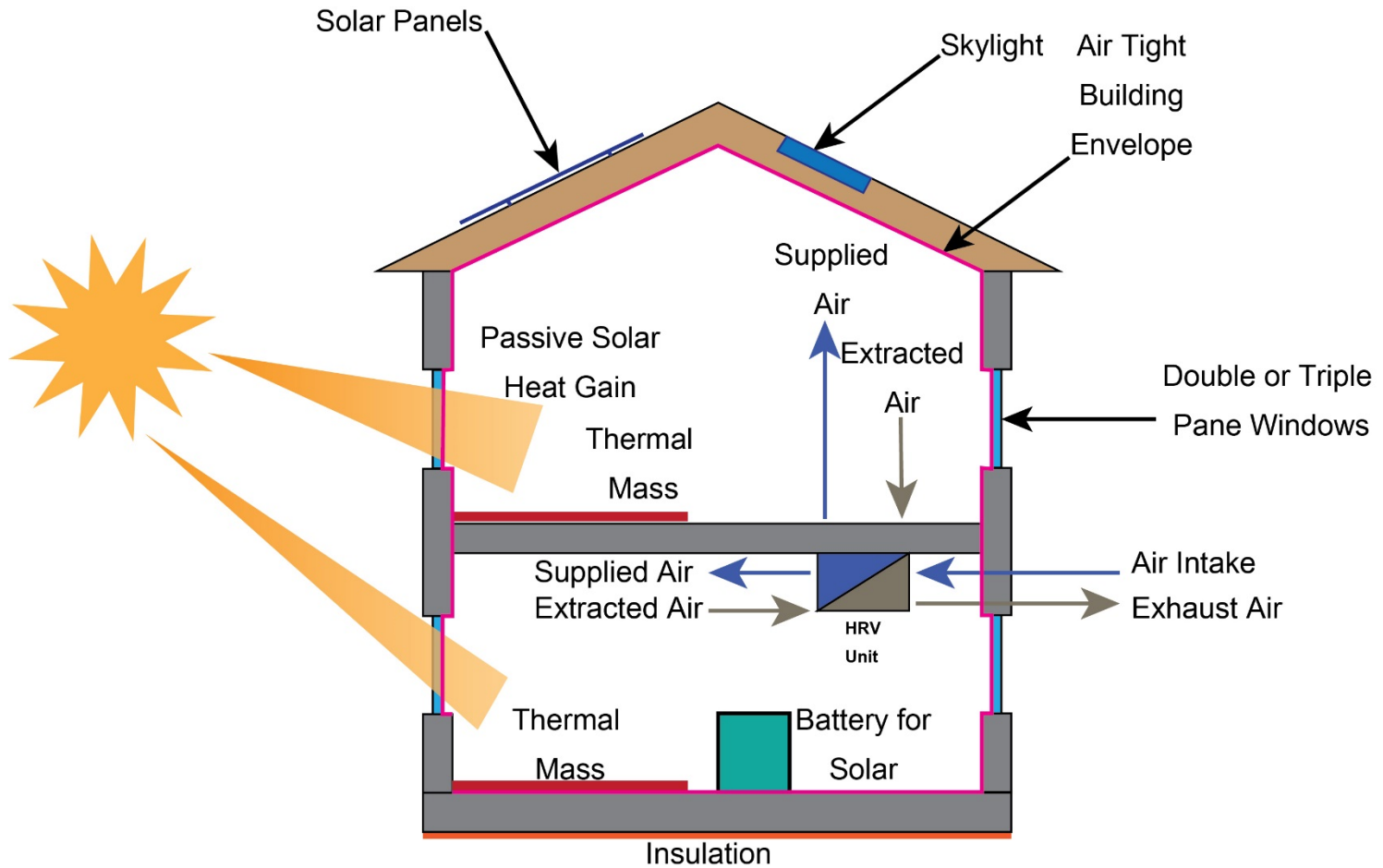
Culture



Concept



Quinault House



Energy Efficient and Climate Appropriate



Energy Park



A way to safely shelter in place for months

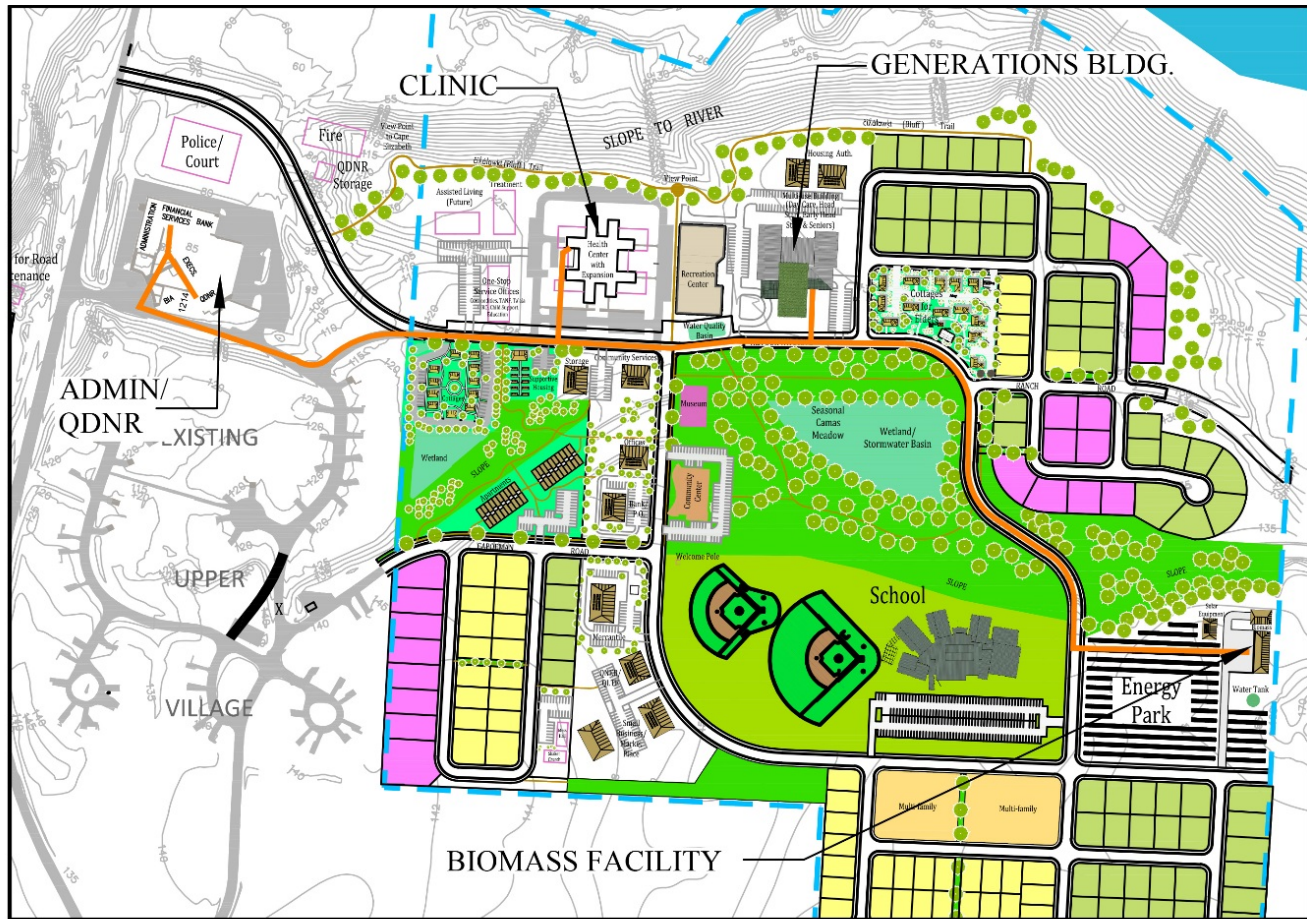


Energy Strategy - Biomass

- Overall strategy based on Blue Lake Rancheria
- Slash abundant on Reservation
- Bring slash to Taholah, grind it to hogfuel
- Burn in boiler to heat water, water then powers heating in community buildings
- Based on system in Burns, OR that can take wet wood

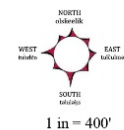


Biomass Energy



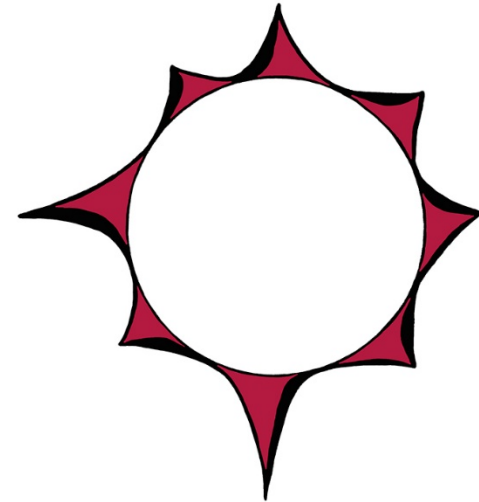
BIOMASS HOT WATER LINE CONCEPT

— Biomass Hot Water Line



Energy Strategy - Solar

- Solar
 - 100 kW arrays w/ battery backup, combined with generator
 - 1 MW microgrid array for providing resilient power during a prolonged outage, which is anticipated to incorporate energy generation, storage, distribution
 - Current backup power is diesel
 - Net metering good, but survival imperative



Microgrid Study

Planning process for Microgrid:

- Phase 1: Microgrid concept development, partnerships and funding assessment
- Phase 2: Utility infrastructure upgrade cost estimate and microgrid load study analysis
- Phase 3: Microgrid system design engineering, contracting and implementation



Microgrid

- The microgrid system will be designed to prioritize energy storage for **resilience**, synchronizing a large battery system with planned solar PV arrays, and using microgrid controls to stabilize power generation and demand of critical Taholah Village Relocation Area facilities that will be interconnected to the microgrid distribution system.
- Energy cost savings and demand charge reductions during regular grid-tied operations are secondary benefits of a microgrid system



Microgrid

- The average estimated annual energy use for all village properties is assumed to be 6,108,001 kWh/year
- This level of energy consumption and associated power demand is not feasible for 100% back-up power from a single energy storage solution over a 2-year duration



Central Controller

- By specifying programmable inverters with this array, portions of the system can be curtailed, or flexibly taken off-line using a microgrid central controller (MGCC), to balance the microgrid system's real-time calibration of loads, generation and storage.
- Management of potential excess solar generation during islanding is a feasible operations scenario to meet the resiliency use case



Workforce Development

- The project kick-off workshop also highlighted the potential for training opportunities and workforce development with QIN Tribal members
- Opportunity to raise awareness about this project



Potential Funding

- Cost for 1 MW: \$1.4-\$2.5 million (in 10 years)
- USDA - Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program
- USDA – REAP Grants
- DOE - Energy Infrastructure Deployment on Tribal Lands
- Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund
- State of Washington Clean Energy Fund
- Tax Equity Investment
- Design Build Operate Maintain (DBOM)



Potential Obstacles

- Lack of existing road infrastructure to sites
- Lack of electrical infrastructure to connect to
 - Rebuild infrastructure in existing housing development
 - Lack of infrastructure to connect to rest of grid
- The Clean Energy Fund ‘Grid Modernization’ grant is most likely source, so coordination with Grays Harbor PUD is required for developing grant



Partners

- Federal Agencies
 - Technical Assistance through USDOE Office Of Indian Energy
 - Grant from BIA
- Bonneville Environmental Foundation



Next Steps for Microgrid

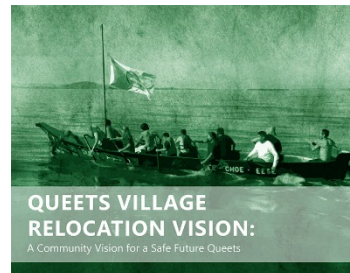
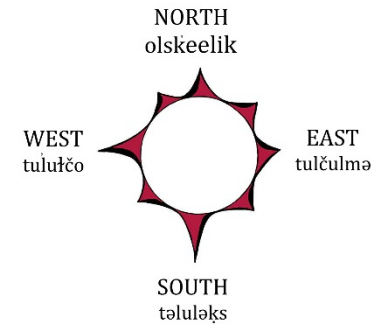
Recommended Phase 2 activities include:

- Load study using 2-second interval metering data, including submetering of critical energy systems for the existing Administration and Health Clinic buildings, as well as the Generations Building by installing Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)
- Grays Harbor PUD transformer upgrade analysis and cost estimates for total project costs
- Specifications development for microgrid system, including controls solutions for inverters, legacy generators, and critical facilities



Where Do We Go Next?

- Grant Writing/Fundraising
- Strategies to Help People to Relocate
- Engineering/Architecture Plans/Build!
One building down, so many to go!
- Moratorium in Lower Village
- Additional NEPA (Federal Environmental Review)
- New Staff (e.g. parks maintenance year-round)
- Continue Alternative Energy Projects, build 100 kW array
- Queets Relocation





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